

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [003] with the following text:

--United States patent application serial no. ~~xx/XXX,XXX~~ 10/789,648, filed on even date herewith (~~Attorney Docket No. C-8544AFP~~);--

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [004] with the following text:

--United States patent application serial no. ~~yy/YYY,YYY~~ 10/789,566, filed on even date herewith (~~Attorney Docket No. C-8586AFP~~);--

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [005] with the following text:

--United States patent application serial no. ~~zz/ZZZ,ZZZ~~ 10/789,276, filed on even date herewith (~~Attorney Docket No. C-8588AFP~~);--

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [058] with the following text:

--Complexes can be formed between fluorescein dye formers and some of the complexing agents shown in Table I. The fluorescein dye formers were prepared according to procedures described in commonly assigned United States patent application, serial no. ~~yy/YYY,YYY~~10/789,566, filed on even date herewith (~~Attorney Docket No. 8586AFP~~), the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein and made part of this application.--

Please amend the specification by replacing paragraph [059] with the following text:

--Complexes may also be formed between certain rhodol dye formers and some of the complexing agents shown in Table I. The rhodol dyes formers were prepared according to procedures described in commonly assigned United States patent application, serial no. ~~zz/ZZZ,ZZZ~~10/789,276, filed on even date herewith (~~Attorney Docket No. 8588AFP~~), the entire disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein and made part of this application.--